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 PALMERTON ZINC NPL SITE  
 PALMERTON BOROUGH, CARBON CO., PA 18071

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I. SITUATION (AS OF 17 MAY 1996)  
 EVENT: ROUTINE REMOVAL OPERATIONS

A. PALMERTON INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION SITE OPERATIONS  
 CONTINUED THIS PERIOD (13 MAY THROUGH 17 MAY) WITH  
 EXTERIOR CLEANUP WORK AT FOUR LOCATIONS.

B. COSTS TO DATE (DATES)

	UTILIZED	CEILING
EPA DIRECT 05/17/96	\$ 76,877	\$ 83,800
EPA INDIRECT 05/17/96	\$ 140,580	\$ 150,000
OTHER 11/13/95	\$ 162,538	\$ 200,000
TAT 5/17/96	\$ 295,339	\$ 400,000
ERCS 5/17/96	\$ 1,995,920	\$ 2,400,000
UNALLOCATED		\$ 344,538
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,671,254</b>	<b>\$ 3,628,338</b>

C. TALLY

	1996	TOTAL
LOCATIONS SAMPLED	0	210
EXT. STARTED	3	61
EXT. COMPLETED	2	60
INT. STARTED	0	66
INT. COMPLETED	0	66

C. THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY INTEREST CONTINUES TO SUGGEST THAT  
 ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE ANTICIPATED  
 WORK. ADDITIONALLY, TAT COSTS FAR EXCEEDED ANTICIPATED  
 AND AVAILABLE FUNDING. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST WAS  
 SUBMITTED TO REGIONAL MANAGEMENT 13 MAY 1996.

D. WET WEATHER, AND RESULTANT WET SOILS, DURING 06 MAY TO 10  
 MAY HAS CAUSED DELAYS IN COMPLETING THE FIRST PROPERTIES.  
 ADDITIONAL WET WEATHER 16 MAY COMPOUNDS THE DELAY.

E. EXTERIOR WORK TOOK PLACE ADJACENT TO THE OFFICES OF HRD  
 ALONG FRANKLIN AVE. HRD REQUESTED THAT CLEANUP TEAM NOT  
 PARK VEHICLES IN AVAILABLE SPOTS OR ENTER UPON HRD  
 PROPERTY. DELAYS RESULTED.

## II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. EXTERIOR CLEANUP OPERATIONS WERE COMPLETED AT TWO  
 LOCATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD AND INITIATED AT TWO OTHERS.  
 BOTH COMPLETED LOCATIONS WERE COVERED WITH SOD, MULCH,

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AND STONE.

- B. OSC TOWLE CONTINUED TO SCHEDULE PROPERTIES FOR SAMPLING DURING THE WEEK OF 20 MAY. TWENTY (20) LOCATIONS ARE SCHEDULED.
- C. OSC TOWLE CONTINUED TO SCHEDULE PROPERTIES FOR CLEANUP. THUS FAR, CLEANUPS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE WEEK OF 10 JUNE.
- D. SATA CONTRACTOR AND OSC COMPLETED AMENDMENTS TO THE SAMPLING PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE MODIFIED DUST SAMPLING PROGRAM.
- E. CONTRACTOR PURCHASED ROTOR TILLER AND WILL DEVELOP RATE FOR BILLING PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH THIS WILL RESULT IN SOME SAVINGS, THE SAVINGS (OVER FREQUENT RENTAL) WILL NOT BE AS GREAT AS THOSE POTENTIALLY REALIZED THROUGH GOVERNMENT PURCHASE.

### III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. CONTINUE SITE CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE RESIDENCES.
- B. CONTINUE COORDINATION OF AND SCHEDULING OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUPS.
- C. CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING DURING THE WEEK OF 20 MAY 1996 INCLUSIVE OF SOIL AND DUST SAMPLING.

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